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Subject: Parkinson's Awareness Month

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Dear Mayor Candell,
On behalf of the board of directors of Parkinsons Network of Mt. Diablo (PNMD), we request that the City of Lafayette help spread awareness of Parkinson's Disease by adopting the attached resolution in light of Parkinson's Awareness Month. PNMD's mission is to provide information, resources, and social interaction to support people living with Parkinson's Disease and their caregiving communities. Currently, PNMD has over 300 members in the Mt. Diablo region, 29 of whom live in Lafayette. We appreciate your assistance in making people aware of how this disease affects many lives.
The resolution has been highlighted to show an area where staff would need to add the proper wording to meet the city's standard.
Please call me if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Elizabeth
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City Council

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Parkinson's Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, 90,000 new people are diagnosed each year in the United States with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least $52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members; and

WHEREAS, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown. There is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking and showing facial expression; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms; and

WHEREAS, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other

organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the City Council of the City of Lafayette, CA does hereby proclaim April 2025 as* ***Parkinson's month*** *in Lafayette.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the City seal this 28th day of April 2025.*

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Susan Candell, Mayor